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SUBJECT: SUDANESE-AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS INDICATIONS THAT GOS PUSHING FOR RAPID ESTABLISHMENT OF SUDANESE-AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HAS BEEN DISCUSSING ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS COUNCIL WITH ALMOST EVERY HIGH LEVEL AMERICAN BUSINESS VISITOR TO SUDAN. DESPITE SUDANESE SENSE OF URGENCY, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT SUDANESE WANT COORDINATION WITH US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHICH WILL MEAN FINAL ORGANIZATIONAL STEPS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN THIS FALL.

2. FATH ABDUL RAHMAN AL-BESHIR, CHAIRMAN, SHARAF GROUP OF INDUSTRIES, TOLD ECONOFF MAY 11, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR LONDON, THAT PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HAD ASKED HIM TO BE SUDANESE CHAIRMAN OF BUSINESS COUNCIL. BESHIR PRESENTLY IS WORKING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MONSOUR KHALID AND MINISTER OF STATE AND CABINET AFFAIRS IZZEL DIN HAMID ON COMPOSITION OF SUDANESE SIDE. SUDANESE GROUP WILL INCLUDE TEN MEMBERS EACH FROM BOTH

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PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS.

3. DAVE SCOTT, CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ALLIS-CHALMERS, APPEARS TO BE TAKING LEAD IN ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN SIDE. HE APPARENTLY HAS CONVINced INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF US CHAMBER TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION AT THEIR NEXT MEETING, AND HE EXPECTS FINAL US CHAMBER APPROVAL FOR

ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER. US CHAMBER
WOULD PROVIDE EXECUTIVAE SECRETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NUMBER OF AMERICAN COMPANIES HAVE
AGREED TO PARTICIPATE. WILL SCOTT, CHAIRMAN OF TENNECO,
HAS INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE, IN ADDITION TO FORD,
CHEVRON AND SEVERAL OTHER COMPANIES. WE EXPECT HIGH DEGREE
OF INTEREST IN THIS ORGANIZATION BY AMERICAN FARM EQUIPMENT
AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT MACHINERY MANUFACTURERS AND
AGRI-BUSINESS FIRMS.

5. EMBASSY WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE AF/EX ESTABLISH
CONTACTS WITH US CHAMBER AND KEEP US INFORMED OF MAJOR
DEVELOPMENTS ON FORMATION OF COUNCIL.

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